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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

1. THIS MORNING (APRIL 23), ACCOMPANIED BY BCM, I CALLED ON MIN EXT AFF GEORGE MOE, TO DISCUSS SUBJECT MATTER (AMONG OTHERS). I NOTED THAT DCM HAD LEFT COPY OF SECRETARY'S LOS SPEECH WITH PERMSEC FORDE FOR HIM AND INVITED HIS COMMENTS.

2. MOE REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY SPEECH CAREFULLY BUT HAD TAKEN NOTE OF PORTION DEALING WITH ACCESS TO DEEP SEABED RESOURCES. GOB BELIEVED THAT ACCESS BY INDIVIDUAL NATIONS SHOULD BE MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN USG APPEARED TO THINK DESIRABLE AND THAT INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY'S CONTROL SHOULD BE MORE EXTENSIVE. ON QUESTION OF URGENCY, HE FULLY AGREED WITH SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AND ASSURED ME GOB DELEGATION WOULD PUSH FOR COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS DURING CURRENT YEAR. BRITTON

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